

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2329
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2005
AMENDMENT IN FCRA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that large scale foreign funds are not being utilized by the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for the intended purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for last three years and thereafter alongwith action taken against such NGOs, NGO-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any mechanism to keep a check on such activities of the NGOs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 to ensure that the funds received are used for the intended purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, various NGOs in India are permitted to receive foreign contribution from foreign sources for bona fide activities in cultural, economic, educational, social or religious fields. Registration or prior permission to receive foreign funds under the Act is granted after due verification of activities and antecedents of office bearers of NGOs. Foreign funds are received through legal banking channels and are open to scrutiny and inspection.

If any complaint of violation of the provisions of the FC(R) Act, 1976 comes to the notice of the Government, appropriate action is taken under the Act. Such action includes placing the NGO in prior permission category or prohibiting it from receiving foreign contribution or prosecuting it in a court of law or freezing its bank accounts. For this purpose there is a Monitoring Unit set up in the Foreigners Division of M/o Home Affairs. Action taken against NGOs in last three years is enclosed herewith.

(e) & (f) With large-scale growth in the number of registered organizations under the Act and the volume of inflow of foreign contributions, the existing procedures for grant of registration, inspection, monitoring etc., has brought out certain lacunae and difficulties in the operation of the existing Act. Therefore, this Ministry is considering change of existing law to remove these difficulties and to put in place a more efficient system to manage the acceptance, utilization and accounting of foreign contribution in the country. The draft Foreign Contribution (Management and Control) Bill, 2005 to replace the existing Act has been uploaded on the website of M/o Home Affairs <http://www.mha.nic.in/fcra.htm>, which may be visited to see the proposed Bill. This draft Bill has been referred by the Cabinet to Group of Ministers for consideration.

STATEMENT ENCLOSED IN REPLYING TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2329 TO BE REPLIED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.05

(A) List of organization placed in the prohibited category from accepting any foreign contribution during the last three years under Section 10 (a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

1. The Association, Society for Awareness of Human Society & rural Advancement (SAHARA),
Kalahandi, P.O. Numper Vis M. Rampur Kalahandi, Orissa- 766102.

2. M. A. Wahab Islamic Public School Usmanganj, Lilong, Manipur.

3. Haryanvi Organisation for Progress and Ecology (HOPE) H. No. 1592, Sector 15, Sonapat, Haryana.

4. Idar-E-Talimate Islamia, (Darul-Ulm Shahe-Alam), Jamalpur Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

5. Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, St. Anne Convent, Assam more, P.O. Mohit Nagar, Jalpaigiri, West Bengal.

6. Jamai Atul Falah bilariyaganj, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh.

7. Development Organisation for Women (DOW) P.O. Batlagundu Distt Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.

8. Health Education Development Society, A-6, Tribeni, Sahidnagar, Bhubneswar Khurda, Orissa

9. Saraswati Charitable Trust, M-109, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi.

10. Adima Jati Seva Samiti (AJSS), Circular Road, Phulbani Sahi, Phulbani, Kandhamal, Orissa.

11. Reach Valley View Academy, 21/B Shreeram Nagar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

12. Reach in the Nilgiris, Plot No.99, Sai Deep Apartments, VGP Saravanan Nagar, Madambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

(B) List of organization placed in prior permission category for receiving any foreign contribution during the last three years under section 10 (b) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

1. Makkal Seva Mandram, No. 4/9, Fourth Street, Majeed road, P.O. Box No. 17, Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu..

2. New Apostolic Church, Orissa, Plot No. N 2/163, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

3. Gram Dan Development Society (GDDS), 58, Panchanantala Road, Howrah, West Bengal.

4. Chiranbin, Parabakshi, P.O. Bakshi, Howrah (Dist.) West Bengal.

5. Society for Developmental Action (SODA), Indapahi, Post Box No. 16, Baripada, Distt Mayurbhanj, Orissa.

6. Abul Kalam Azad Islamic Awakening Centre, 4, Jogabai, P.O.Box No.9755, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi.

(C) List of organization placed in the prohibited category for freezing of bank accounts during the last three years under section 12 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

1. Idar-E-Talimate Islamia, (Darul-Ulm Shahe-Alam, Jamalpur Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

2. South Suburban Branch School Ex-Students Association, Kolkata, West Bengal.

